



## **The QFC Regulatory Authority honours its successful Qatari Graduates**

**Doha, Qatar, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012:** The QFC **Regulatory Authority** held a ceremony to honour six Qatari Graduates who completed the one year Graduate Fellowship Programme ("GFP").

The GFP is a tailor-made one-year programme for highly motivated recent Qatari graduates seeking a career as financial services professionals. The programme offers first-hand experience working as a regulator in a world-class regulatory organisation, under the guidance of personal mentors who are subject matter experts in financial regulation.

The graduates of this year's programme are: Dalal Al Thani, Saif Al Thani, Fatema Al Naama, Fatima Al Ansari, Ibtisam Al Qayed, and Kholoud Al Sada. During the 12 month programme, the graduates rotated through various departments within the Regulatory Authority to gain work experience including Authorisation and Supervision, Policy and Enforcement, and Corporate Communications.

Michael Ryan, CEO of the QFC Regulatory Authority commented:  
*"The QFC Regulatory Authority is committed to training and developing talented Qatari graduates to help them achieve their potential as they commence a career in the financial services industry. I am proud to celebrate the success of the six graduates of the GFP programme and I would like to thank them for their dedication and contribution to the Regulatory Authority."*

The objective of the Regulatory Authority through the GFP is to recruit and train Qatari nationals to shape the future of the country, in line with the Human Development Pillar of the Qatar National Vision 2030. Since its launch in 2006, twenty graduates have participated in the GFP, many of whom have accepted permanent positions at the Regulatory Authority. On 16 September the QFC Regulatory Authority will launch the next Graduate Fellowship Programme for the year 2012-13.

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**About the QFC Regulatory Authority**

The QFC Regulatory Authority is an independent regulatory body established by Article 8 of the QFC Law. It regulates firms that conduct financial services in or from the QFC. It has a broad range of regulatory powers to authorise, supervise and, when necessary, discipline firms and individuals. The QFC Regulatory Authority regulates firms using principle-based legislation of international standard, modelled closely on that used in major financial centres. Further details are available on the website [www.qfcra.com](http://www.qfcra.com)

**About the Qatar Financial Centre**

The Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) is a financial and business centre established by the Government of Qatar and located in Doha. It has been designed to attract international financial services institutions and major multi-national corporations and to encourage participation in the growing market for financial services in Qatar and elsewhere in the region. The QFC operates to international standards and provides a first class legal and business infrastructure for those doing business within the QFC. The QFC was created by QFC Law No.(7) of Qatar and has been open for business since 1 May 2005.